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COMMENCED MONDAY A SKY SCRAPER FOR GROWING COLUMBUS.

The Regular Fall Term of Circuit Court to be of Great Interest.

The regular fall term of Circuit Court met Monday, and as the spring term of this tribunal was pretermitted on account of the backward condition of farming operations, the coming session will be an unusually interesting one. Both the civil and criminal dockets are large, as besides the accumulated business of an entire year there are a number of murder cases to be disposed of.

One of the most important cases to come before the grand jury for investigation is that of Mr. John B. Sale, who last summer shot and killed Mr. Joe Bell in a personal difficulty which occurred in front of Mr. S. B. Street's drug store on Main street. It will be remembered that Mr. Sale had a preliminary hearing before Mayor Gunter and Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews soon after the killing, and was granted bail in the sum of \$12,500.00 to await the action of the grand jury. At his coming trial Mr. Sale will be defended by Mr. Z. P. Landrum, while Messrs. Betts and Sturdivant will assist District Attorney Mitchell in the prosecution.

Another case that will come before the grand jury for investigation is that of Mr. J. B. Shepard, who several months ago shot and killed Bob Watts, a white fireman on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the killing having taken place at Artesia. There were extenuating circumstances surrounding the killing, and at his preliminary trial Mr. Shepard was placed under a very small bond. He is represented by Mr. Z. P. Landrum also.

A third murder case to be disposed of is that of the State vs. Bailus Arp. This case was brought here on a change of venue from Chickasaw county, where the defendant recently killed a man named Jeff Hoffman.

Beside the above mentioned cases there are several negroes now in jail who are to be tried on the charge of murder. Among these are Ed Cottrell, who last summer killed a negro woman near the Mobile and Ohio depot, and Buster Lang, Morgan McCarty and Feb Richardson, all three of whom are charged with the murder of Levi Shaw, who a short time since was killed on the plantation of Dr. J. D. McCullough.

As will be seen by a notice which appears elsewhere in this paper, the copartnership heretofore existing between Judge J. A. Orr and Judge J. T. Harrison has by mutual consent been dissolved. Judge Orr has formed a partnership with his grandson, Mr. Frank Orr Harris, and the two will be associated together in the practice of law. Mr. Harris, who was recently admitted to the bar, inherits his grandfather's splendid legal mind, and promises to become a brilliant and successful practitioner. Judge Harrison, who is one of the best known lawyers in the State, will continue to practice his profession.

Street Commissioner Childers will begin opening up the streets to the vacant property immediately north of the cemetery this week and it will be surveyed and placed upon the market in lots. There is considerable interest in this section, and it will rapidly build up and develop.

The Columbus Insurance & Banking Company Lets The Contract Which Will Insure a Modern Banking and Office Building.

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, which was held last Wednesday night at the office of the bank, a contract was awarded to Mr. R. H. Hunt, the well known architect, for the plans and specifications for a modern, six-story banking building. The meeting was attended by all the members of the directorate and the decision to give to this city a magnificent structure in every respect was unanimous, all the directors entering enthusiastically into the project.

Mr. Hunt submitted to the directors a rough plan of the proposed structure, which is magnificent and imposing in appearance and which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest buildings in the State. It is six stories in height, the first story being devoted to banking purposes with tiled floors, iron fixtures and the entrances to the electric elevators. The exterior of the first story will be finished in Georgia granite and the balance of the building will be finished in St. Louis pressed brick of attractive color, and trimmed in stone and terra cotta, the whole presenting the appearance of a thoroughly modern building in every respect.

The second and remaining stories of the building will be devoted to office purposes, and there will be thirty-five offices fitted with all modern conveniences and appointments, such as electric elevator service, lights and steam heat, with water and toilet conveniences. It is understood that many of the offices have already been spoken for by leading professional men of this city.

The bank feature of the building will be especially handsome in all of its appointments. The entrance will be on the eastern front of the building, the entrance to the upper stories being on the west end of the structure adjoining the Mayo & Weaver building. The bank will be equipped with three vaults for use in its growing and expanding business and the interior arrangement of the offices and desks will be thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.

Mr. Hunt was given the contract for the plans and specifications and he will go to work on them right away. He expects to have the plans completed within the next few weeks, and the committee, who will have charge of the work of improvement, Messrs. T. B. Franklin, B. A. Weaver and Chas. F. Sherrod, will at once take up the matter of having the work done. It is understood that the contract will be awarded at an early date so that all of the iron, stone, brick, etc., necessary for the new building, will be on the ground by April 1st of next year, when the work of construction will begin. It is expected that the new building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the 1st of next August, and during the progress of the work the bank will be in temporary quarters.

The decision of the officers of this old and reliable institution to give to this city a thoroughly modern and up-to-date building is commended by everyone. It meets a demand imperative from their banking business for larger and more commodious quarters, and it will provide an office building for this city, a building which has long been needed.

Mr. Camp Will Remain in Columbus.

Rev. A. T. Camp, who for several years past has been pastor of the Southeast Baptist church in this city, and who some weeks ago received a call to the pulpit of the Baptist church in Wylam, Ala., has decided to remain in Columbus. This decision was reached after mature deliberation on the part of Mr. Camp, and was communicated by him to the officers and members of the Southeast Baptist church at a congregational meeting which was held last Wednesday night. Mr. Camp has made a most efficient pastor, and the members of his congregation and the Christian people of Columbus generally are glad that he has decided not to leave the field in which his labors have been crowned with such brilliant success.

Mr. Camp has a petition which he will present to the City Council asking that an electric light be installed on Main street at the foot of the mill or at the intersection of Main and Eighth street. The petition is signed by a large number of the citizens of Columbus, and no doubt the Council will install the light as it is badly needed, being at the foot of a hill and on the main thoroughfare of the town which is the avenue to the Southern depot, the College, the churches and the business district, and which is used by pedestrians and vehicles more than any other street in Columbus.

Mr. W. B. Harrison, who spent several days in Columbus the past week,

A Good Citizen For Columbus.

On the first of January Columbus will secure a valuable acquisition to her citizenship in the person of Mr. Thos. Dee, who will move here to engage in business.

Mr. Dee comes from the Pretoria neighborhood in the fertile Bigbee Valley and he comes to engage in the mercantile business having purchased an interest in the wholesale and retail grocery and general merchandise business of Mr. Jos. Donoghue. It is Mr. Dee's intention to move his family to Columbus in the spring and Columbus will be made their future home.

It is needless for THE DISPATCH to state that he will be welcomed. He is a fine citizen, a man of means and he will be an invaluable factor in the future development of this city and its business. Mr. Dee has a large circle of friends in Columbus who will receive this announcement with genuine pleasure.

Mr. J. R. Horton received the sad intelligence of the death of his nephew at Elizabeth, Miss., the past week, the young man having been killed by a negro on the plantation of Mr. Julian Fort at Elizabeth. He was assistant overseer of that large plantation and stood in high esteem with all who had the good fortune to know him.

Mr. Aaron Mann has let the contract for a handsome brick detached home of the vacant lot immediately east of the Fishman home, which when completed will be a handsome addition to the residences in that section.

JUDGE SYKES STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Honored and Respected Judge of the First District Victim of a Paralytic Stroke at Aberdeen, Mississippi.

A telephone message was received in the city Saturday conveying the news that Hon. Eugene O. Sykes, the efficient and popular Judge of the First District, had been visited by a stroke of paralysis. He was seized with the paralytic stroke just as he was leaving the barber shop, at his home in Aberdeen and his entire left side was affected. He was taken to his residence, and many friends hastened to his bedside to learn of his condition and to offer condolence, sympathy and assistance to the family.

There is no more popular man in East Mississippi than Judge Sykes, and he has hundreds of friends in Columbus to whom the news of his misfortune brought great sorrow. In conversation over the telephone with a DISPATCH representative yesterday Mr. Houston Woods, Judge Sykes' stenographer, stated that the Judge's condition, while rather grave, should not cause alarm among his friends. He stated that only the left side was affected, and that the stroke was not a very severe one, the Judge never having lost consciousness. Every thing possible is being done for him, and his numerous friends in Columbus and throughout the State sincerely hope that his recovery will be both speedy and permanent.

Judge Sykes was to have presided at the fall term of Circuit Court, which convenes here tomorrow, and upon after the announcement of his illness was received a meeting of the members of the local bar was held for the purpose of selecting one of their number to serve in his stead. This meeting was held in the office of Col. Wm. Baldwin, and Judge J. A. Orr acted as chairman. It was decided to request Governor Vardaman to appoint Hon. Newman Cayce as special judge, and to have court convene tomorrow, as per schedule. A telegram conveying this request was immediately sent to the Governor at Jackson.

On last Tuesday Judge Orr received a letter from Judge Sykes stating that he had been in bad health for several weeks past, and asking him to charge the grand jury. This Judge Orr consented to do, and will deliver the charge when the grand jury is empanelled tomorrow.

A telegram was received late at night stating that Governor Vardaman had appointed Hon. J. Q. Robbins, of Tupelo, to hold court here in place of Judge Sykes.

Theatre To Be Enlarged.

At a meeting of the directors of the Columbus Theatre Co., which was held last Wednesday night, it was decided to expend six thousand dollars in enlarging and improving the building. Architect R. H. Hunt, of Chattanooga, was commissioned to draw the plans for the contemplated improvements, and when these improvements have been completed Columbus will have one of the largest as well as one of the handsomest theatres in the State.

In the contemplated improvements and additions, the large hall just east of the theatre, which is now occupied as a brokerage office, will be included in the theatre property, thus giving a larger stage and providing about one hundred and fifty additional seats in the auditorium. An additional gallery will be put in, with an entrance on St. John street, for colored people, thus preventing them from coming in contact with the white patrons of the house. This will be a great convenience and will save time to both the theatre management and to the public, as there will be two box offices, and the crowds can be handled with much more ease than under present conditions. The interior of the building will be thoroughly overhauled and redecorated, and the stage will be equipped with new scenery and the latest appliances for handling the most elaborate productions on the road.

Architect Hunt expects to have the plans ready within the next thirty days, and it is the intention of the directors to award the contract so that the work can begin about the first of May and be completed in time for the opening of the regular theatrical season next September.

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Beard-Jones.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at the country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jones on the Air Line Road at eight o'clock last Wednesday night, when their daughter, Miss Anna Erlene, and Mr. Walter Robert Beard were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The large double parlors were thrown open, and the bride and groom entered together, having marched in to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, which was played by Mrs. M. E. Taylor. The ceremony was said in a solemn and impressive manner by Rev. L. M. Broyles, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the bride was attended by Mrs. Earl Burris, as matron of honor.

The groom is the son of Mr. W. C. Beard, one of our leading merchants, and is a capable and industrious young business man. He is in the employ of the Columbus Insurance and Banking Company as a assistant book-keeper, and enjoys the confidence and respect not only of the bank officials but of all who know him. The bride, as stated above, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jones, and is a lovely girl, beloved by a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Beard are keeping house in the cottage formerly occupied by Mr. J. L. Walker at the corner of College and North streets.

Mrs. P. J. Thompson Dead. Mrs. P. J. Thompson, widow of Mr. R. T. Drake, of this city, died last Friday night at her home near Milport after a lingering illness, the cause of her demise having been cancer. Mrs. Thompson was in her seventieth year and she leaves no immediate family save her mother, who is in the city to mourn her death.

The funeral will be held from Mr. Drake's residence in East Columbus this morning at nine o'clock and the friends of the family are cordially invited to attend. The Dispatch tendered its sympathy.

THE REDS WIN OUT

In Basket Ball Contest at Athletic Club House Thursday Night.

In the game of basketball between the Reds and Blues at the club house of the Columbus Athletic Association last Thursday night the Reds won an easy victory, the game having resulted in a score of 29 to 9 in their favor. The Reds were captained by E. Hodgkin, while the Blues were led by Sydney Blumh. Capt. Blumh had the misfortune to have his nose slightly injured early in the game, and was not able to participate in the second half. There was no one on hand to take his place, so Louis Hirschman dropped out from the ranks of the Blues, leaving the second half to be played with only four men on each side.

The lineup of the two teams was as follows:

REDS	POSITIONS	BLUES
Reeves	Center	Hartwell
Hackman	Forward	Halbert
Hodgkin	Forward	Albridge
Bishop	Guard	Gunter
Hirschman	Guard	Blumh

Besides the regular game as described above there was a contest between two teams made up from the boys' class. One of these teams was captained by George Senter and the other by Horace Innes, the game having resulted in a victory for the latter team by a score of 4 to 1.

The members of the Athletic Association are taking a great deal of interest in basketball, and Physical Director Spencer expects to take a team to Birmingham at an early date to meet the Young Men's Christian Association team in that city. This team will be made up of the best players in the Athletic Association, and will be carefully coached by Mr. Spencer before the trip is undertaken.

Baggett Bradley.

Mr. Wilber Baggett and Miss Fannie Bradley, both of whom reside in this city, were married at Fayette, Ala. last Thursday. There was objection to the union of the couple on account of the extreme youthfulness of the groom, who is only seventeen years of age. But age counts for little when the affections of a man and woman are centered on each other, and the couple, finding that it would be impossible to make a journey to the Alabama town and had the knot tied, they returned to Columbus Friday, and all was forgiven.

Both the young people are members of good families. The groom is the son of Mrs. W. D. Russell, and is a most worthy and industrious young man, having for some time past held a position with the Columbus Light and Power Co. The bride is the daughter of Mr. A. P. Bradley, who recently moved here from Monroe county, and is a pretty and accomplished young lady. The young couple are blessed with Mrs. Russell, the mother of the groom, and her home in East Columbus.

THE DISPATCH regrets to learn that Mr. D. R. Sanders, the Atlanta correspondent, has been confined to his bed by illness for several days past. Mr. R. C. Caldwell, who for several months past has been ill with typhoid fever, has recovered and has resumed his position at Chapman & Maxwell's drug store.